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OCTOBER 29, 1974

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

THE PRESIDENT REMARKED THIS MORNING THAT YOU SEEMED TO BE GETTING ALONG VERY WELL WITH MADAME GANDHI, DESPITE HER COMPULSION TO MAKE CRACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO HAVE AN IMPROMPTU NEWS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING. IT WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED AND THERE WOULD BE NO TV COVERAGE. HE PLANS JUST TO CALL THE PRESS INTO HIS OFFICE WITHOUT NOTICE. HE IS GENERALLY UP TO SPEED ON HIS Q'S AND A'S, HAVING JUST HAD THE INTERVIEW WITH PEASONER LAST SATURDAY. ON THE ARAB SUMMIT DECISION ON THE PLO, I WOULD PLAN TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT SAY THAT THE SUMMIT WAS STILL IN PROGRESS, WE WERE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONFERENCE BUT THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

THERE IS A REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT THE SAUDIS PLAN A CUT OF SOMETHING LESS THAN \$1 A BARREL IN OIL PRICES. CIA SAYS THIS IS NOTHING NEW, THAT IT PROBABLY RELATES TO THE MOVE TO A SINGLE PRICE, THE PRICE CUT COULD BE MORE THAN MADE UP BY THE TAX INCREASE, AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, IT IS PROBABLY JUST A TRIAL BALLOON.

WARM REGARDS.

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